Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Calcutta, Delhi and Jaipur. An Appellate Tribunal in Mumbai has also been established. RBI have reported that out of the total numbr of cases of 5638 involving an amount of Rs. 3993.53 crores transferred by public sector banks to Debts Recovery Tribunals upto 31.12.97 in 57 cases involving an amount of Rs. 129.79 crores recovery has been effected.

(d) In accordance with the statutes governing the public sector banks as also in terms of the practices and usages customary amongst bankers, the banks do not disclose the names of parties (defaulters). However, a list of borrowal acounts (Rs. 1 crore and above) whose commercial banks and financial institutions have filed suits for recovery of debts as on 31.3.95 has been published.

भारतीय औद्योगिक विकास बैंक द्वारा औद्योगिक इकाइयों को वित्तीय सहायता

2930. श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:
श्री गोपाल सिंह जी॰ सोलंकी:
श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला:

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय औद्योगिक विकास बैंक (आईडीबीआई) ने देश में प्रमुख औद्योगिक इकाइयों को उनकी नई प्रवर्तित कम्पनियों के लिये वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान की है;

(ख) उन औद्योगिक समूहों, प्रवर्तकों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं जिन्हें अब तक वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान की गई है;

(ग) क्या भारतीय औद्योगिक विकास बैंक ने उपरोक्त इकाइयों के बोर्ड में अपना कोई निदेशक मनोनीत किया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री पी॰ चिदम्बरम): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) भारतीय औद्योगिक विकास बैंक (आईडीबीआई) द्वारा सहायता प्रदत्त दस बड़े औद्योगिक समूहों के नाम इस प्रकार हैं:-

1. टाटा ग्रुप
2. आदित्य बिड़ला ग्रुप
3. एस्सार ग्रुप
4. मित्तल ग्रुप
5. के॰के॰ बिड़ला ग्रुप
6. सिंघानिया ग्रुप
7. रिलायंस ग्रुप
8. नागार्जुन ग्रुप
9. एम॰ए॰ चिदम्बरम ग्रुप
10. बी॰के॰ बिड़ला ग्रुप

(ग) और (घ) आईडीबीआई ने सूचित किया है कि सामान्य प्रक्रिया के अनुसार, सामान्य तौर पर अग्रणी संस्थान सहायता संघ के भागीदारों में से सहायता प्राप्त कम्पनियों के बोर्डों में मनोनीत निदेशक नियुक्त करते हैं। तदनुसार, आईडीबीआई ने उन अधिकांश कम्पनियों के बोर्डों के लिए अपने नामिति नियुक्त किए हैं जिनमें यह अग्रणी संस्थान हैं।

Permission to Open New Branches of Banks

2931. SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the public/private banks which have applied for permission to open new branches in the country with their proposed sites State-wise;

(b) the number of cases cleared during the last two years; and

(c) names of such banks whose cases are pending for clearance with reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Security Measures for RRB Employees

2932. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there are several incidents of dacoities in Regional Rural Banks' branches and outside the branches causing death of employees in the recent past;

(b) what are the security measures available to the employees of Regional Rural Banks working at the remote areas of rural sector; and

(c) what action will be taken to ensure the security of personnels during remittances and inside the premises?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that there have been some instances of dacoities in branches of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in the recent past.

Reserve Bank of India (RBI), by a circular issued in 1980, had inter-alia advised the RRBs to arrange for full insurance cover of cash-in-safe, in counters and in transit, as well as other valuables against the risk of fire, theft, burglary etc.

By a circular issued in 1985, Government had advised RRBs to identify the branches located in high risk and disturbance prone pockets in consultation with sponsor banks and request the district administrations to provide the necessary personnel and make necessary arrangements. The State Governments have also been requested to provide the necessary protection by posting of guards and patrolling. These instructions were reiterated in 1991. Further, NABARD has also advised RRBs that armed guards may be posted in identified vulnerable branches of RRBs.

Plans to reduce increasing Interest Burden

2933. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to reduce the increasing interest burden which is around Rs. 60,000 crores; and

(b) if so, how and when, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Growth in interest expenditure can be contained only through reducation in fiscal deficit which represents the total borrowings by the Government in a year for financing its expenditure. The rise in interest payments is a sequel to the borrowings undertaken each year for financing plan expenditure. Government would, however, endeavour to contain fiscal deficit by maximising the revenues and controlling the expenditure which will help in reducing the interest burden. On the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Finance, the Central Government requested Reserve Bank of India to carry out a study on the rising interest payments. The report submitted by the Reserve Bank of India is being examined by an Inter Ministerial Group.

Demand of Oxygen Cylinders in Delhi Hospitals

2934. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand of hospitals in Delhi of Oxygen Cylinders is not being met fully, thereby hampering the functioning of the hospitals;

(b) if so, the demand and supply position of cylinders during the last two months, the extent of short supply and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to meet the total demand of the hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) There was no shortage of Oxygen Cylinders in Central Govt. Hospitals in Delhi. According to the information received from National Capital Territory of Delhi, there was some shortage in the supply of Oxygen Cylinders in Din Dayal Upadhaya Hospital and G.B. Pant Hospital. M.C.D. also reported some shortage of Oxygen Cylinders in Hindu Rao Hospital and Kasturba Hospital.

(b) The details are given in the Statement (*see* below).

(c) The Medical Superintendent of each Hospital is expected to monitor the supply and demand of Oxygen Cylinders for smooth functioning of the hospital.